

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 12/06/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,5-9,11 and 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Mr. Brian M. Berliner (Reg. No. 34,549) on March 2, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Claim 8:

8. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code for locating a match embodied therein, said computer readable program code configured to:

obtain a first profile associated with a client-user from a searching-user;

present a plurality of second profiles associated with a plurality of prospect-users to said searching-user wherein said searching-user reviews said plurality of second profiles on behalf of said client-user;

obtain a selection associated with at least one of said plurality of prospect-users from said searching-user, wherein said selection identifies a selected prospect-user;

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transmit a recommendation message comprising information from said first profile to said selected prospect-user through an intermediary, wherein said intermediary removes identifying information associated with said searching-user from said recommendation message before forwarding said recommendation message to said selected prospect-user;

obtain a response message from said at least one said selected prospect-user, wherein the response message comprises at least one of said plurality of second profiles associated with said selected prospect-user; and

transmit said response message to said client-user via the intermediary, wherein said intermediary removes identifying information associated with said prospect-user.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3, 5-9, 11 and 15 are allowed.
5. Claims 1-2, 4, 10, 12-14 and 16-31 are cancelled without prejudice.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior arts fail to disclose or suggest a searching-user obtains a first profile associated with a client-user and provides a first profile of a client-user to a computer program. The program response by providing the searching-user with a plurality of a second profiles associated with a plurality of prospect-users, wherein the searching-user reviews said plurality of second profiles on behalf of said client-user. The program obtains a selection associated with at least one of the plurality of prospect-users from the searching-user, wherein said selection

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identifies a selected prospect-user; transmits a recommendation message comprising the first profile associated with the client-user to the selected prospect-user through an intermediary, wherein the intermediary removes identifying information associated with the searching-user from the recommendation message before forwarding the recommendation message to the selected prospect-user; obtains a response message from said at least one said selected prospect-user wherein the response message comprises the profile associated with the selected prospect-user; and transmits the response message to the client-user via the intermediary, wherein the intermediary removes identifying information associated with the prospect-user, and also in conjunction with all other limitations in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3989. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Najjar Saleh, can be reached at (571) 272-4006.

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March 2, 2006


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